

CLAIMS

1. A system for organizing and assembling information and resources, and for displaying user selected information and user selected resources as an electronic space supported on a network, the system comprising:

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a host/server disposed on a network;

a plurality of devices connectable to the host/server via the network;

means for generating a plurality of individualized electronic spaces that are user configurable;

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means for each user to select graphic, textual and application information and resources for display in an individualized electronic space;

means for each user to access the individualized electronic space; and

means for storing and displaying the individualized electronic spaces.

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2. The system of claim 1 further comprising selecting iconic images representing respectively the selected information and the selected resources.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the host server has processing means, communication means and storage means.

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4. The system of claim 1 wherein the individualized electronic spaces are configured and displayed as rooms.

5. The system of claim 1 further comprising an intelligent agent application supported on the host/server for interacting with the users.

5 6. The system of claim 1 further comprising means for generating at least one common electronic space that is accessible by selected multiple users and configured by the selected multiple users.

10 7. The system of claim 1 wherein the selected resources are selected from the group consisting of search engines, databases, experts, technical information, word processing applications, spread sheet applications, presentation applications, planning applications, and communication applications.

15 8. An electronic space supported on a network and being accessible by a user, the electronic space comprising:

an electronically generated image of a room viewable on a display device, the room image containing selected graphical and textual information displayed as decorative images in the room image, each image being setable as an iconic image activatable to access at least one selected resource or software application, actively accessible selected resources or software applications displayed as images of furnishings in the room, wherein a user creates an individualized electronic space furnished with selected decorative images and functional

furnishings to facilitate ideation.

9. The electronic space of claim 8 further comprising iconic images representing active links to a plurality of electronic spaces.

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10. The electronic space of claim 8 further comprising an electronically generated image of a common area viewable on a plurality of display devices and being accessible by multiple users.

11. The electronic space of claim 8 wherein the electronic space is supported on the network by at least one data processing device having processing means, data storage means, communication means, and means to generate and display the room image.

12. The electronic space of claim 8 wherein an electronic intelligent agent application is integrated with the electronic space programmed for interaction with a user.

13. A method for a user of a data processing system to generate an idea comprising:

- providing a data processing system;
- using the data processing system to generate an electronic space represented as an image of a room on a display device;
- 20 configuring the electronic space to contain activatable links to a plurality of data resources, human resources and software applications;

selecting activatable links to the resources selected by the user and generating selected iconic representations of each activatable link in the electronic space; and
using the selected activatable links in the electronic space to generate an idea.

- 5 14. The method of claim 13 further comprising providing an intelligent agent application programmed for interaction with the user; and using the intelligent agent to view and select the activatable links for incorporation in the electronic space.
- 10 15. The method of claim 13 further comprising communicating with designated recipients and interacting with the designated recipients to evaluate the idea.
- 15 16. The method of claim 14 further comprising using the intelligent agent application to transform the idea and displaying the transformed idea.
- 20 17. The method of claim 13 further comprising using the data processing system to generate a common electronic space represented as an image of a conference room on the display, the common electronic space accessible and configurable by multiple users.
18. The method of claim 13 further comprising using the data processing system to generate user selected iconic representations of activatable links to user selected entertainment resources.

19. A computer system for organizing information and resources to facilitate ideation comprising:

means for generating an electronic space incorporating user selected textual and graphical information;

5 means for accessing the electronic space;

means for configuring the electronic space for accessing selected resources through the electronic space; and

means for interactively engaging a user of the electronic space.

10 20. A method for facilitating generating a solution to a problem comprising:

providing a customizable electronic space supported on a network and having integrated therein means to select resources for access via the electronic space;

selecting a support group connectable to the electronic space and providing means to interact with the support group via the electronic space;

15 accessing the electronic space;

reviewing the selected resources and generating at least one solution to the problem;

evaluating the at least one solution to the problem using the selected resources;

and

20 interacting with the support group and selected resources through the electronic space for evaluating the at least one solution.